

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *OLIVA*.

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*OLIVA BRETTINGHAMI*, n.sp.

Shell rather small, ovately cylindrical, yellowish, with a fine reticulation of well-defined zigzag lines of a light-brown colour, the reticulation upon the upper part of the body-whorl below the suture being more open and the lines rather darker than those upon the rest of the whorl; spire rather conical, with a distinctly channelled suture, with a papillate apex consisting of about three somewhat convex whorls of a uniform light brown or dirty white colour; the three remaining spire volutions are obliquely flattish, fulvous, with the upper acute sutural margin, also that of the body-whorl, whitish, marked with dark spots or short lines. Aperture rather narrow, bluish white, with a deep chocolate-brown interrupted line or band or blotches within the somewhat thickened labrum; columellar callus with a few rather well-marked plicæ above that part which is reflexed over the end of the body-whorl; this portion is white, and exhibits about four distinct oblique folds. Length 18, diam. 8 mm.



*Hab.*—N.W. Australia (Captain Becket).

This species is very similar in size and form to *O. faba*, Marrat, but is distinguishable on account of the finer reticulated markings, different spire, and slightly broader aperture, which is of a darker colour. In *O. faba* the labrum is pale within the aperture, whereas in the present form it is stained with chocolate brown. The sutural channel in *O. faba* is broader and the whorls narrower than in *O. brettinghami*. Named after Mr. G. Brettingham Sowerby. Type in the British Museum.